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*EDVARDUM JENNER, M.D.*

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LONDINI, CADELL ET DAVIES: BATHONIÆ, EXCUDIT S. HAZARD.

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## TO THE READER.

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THE following Epistolary Ode was written at Cheltenham in the Course of the Summer, and sent by the Author to the Gentleman to whom it is addressed, as a Mark of Esteem, and of the high Opinion He has conceived of the beneficial Effects of Vaccine Inoculation; but many of the Author's Friends having requested Copies, He has been induced in Compliance with their wishes to print and publish it: and if any Profits should arise from the Sale of this Edition, they will be given to the ROYAL JENNERIAN SOCIETY for THE EXTERMINATION of the Small-Pox.

C. A.

Bath: Oct. 1803.





AD

EDVARDUM JENNER, M.D.

*CARMEN ALCAICUM.*

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O ! qui secundo natus Apolline  
Incumbis arti pæoniæ, studens  
Arcana Naturæ, gravemque  
More novo prohibere morbum,

Jennere, laudes an sileam tuas ?  
Dum mente sanus, nec cytharà carens,  
Turpive succumbens senectæ  
Rura vagor per amœna Cheltæ ?

Hic sæpe mecum dum meditor gemens,  
Inter meorum funera, quèis diù  
Vixi superstes, quot veneno  
Fœta gravi, maculisque tetris

Primis in ævi viribus abstulit  
 Infesta febris, lingua valet parùm  
 Narrare, quid debes supremo  
 Quanta DEO tibi danda laus est,

Furore quòd non ante domabili  
 Tot dira Pestis quæ peperit mala,  
 In gentis humanæ levamen,  
 Te medico superata cessit ;

Quippe arte mirà quæ tibi contigit,  
 Puris benigni guttula, ab ubere  
 Inserta vaccino lacertis,  
 Corporeos penetrat meatus,

Brevique factà in vulnere pustulà,  
 Propulsat Hostem, nec sinit ampliùs  
 Inferre morborum cohortes  
 Innumeras, comitemque mortem :

O ! quas rependet Patria gratias !  
 Quæ te Senatus cura Britannici  
 Mercede compensabit æquà ?  
 Annua quæ tibi dona reddet ?

Nam te Machaon hospes adit frequens,  
 Te pauper æquè, te *locuples* petit  
 Colonus, immunique gaudent  
 Consilium elicuisse palmà :

Te mater ambit filiolo cavens  
 Ut tuto ab atrà corpore sit lue,  
 Innupta te virgo decentes  
 Sint memori sine labe malæ :

Utcunque nostris laudibus invidens  
 Gens quæque grates dat tibi debitas ;  
 Te Gallus extollit, tuamque  
 Obsequiosus adorat artem :

At dulcis, heù ! quid filioli salus,  
 Quid vota Matris, Virginis aut Decor,  
 Aut fama prodest, quid parumpèr  
 Quòd volucres tua cura fati

Tardavit alas, si sibi gloriam  
 Fuso innocentum sanguine comparans  
 Hùc ducat infames triumphos,  
 Gallicus hìc dominetur Hostis ?

Et jam, coactis undique copiis  
 Naves adornans, oppositos parat  
 Transire fluctus, Anglicisque  
 Exitium minitatur oris :

Demens ! inani qui petit Impetu  
 Sceptro potiri, quod populi fides,  
 Honorque, et AUGUSTI paternus  
 In BRITONAS animus tuetur !

Quin cinctus omni milite barbaro  
 Se credat undis, quale aquilonibus  
 Martique nostro, quale debent  
 Ludibrium pelago carinæ ?

Audire toto jam videor freto  
 Tormenta longè dira tonantia,  
 Raucumque bomborum fragorem,  
 Oceanique cruore rubri

Videre Gallos fluctibus obrutos,  
 Missosque in ipsis criminibus duces  
 Fratres salutatum, daturos  
 Tartareis nova jura regnis :

Invita cerno bella gerentium  
 Erecta dudum corpora Ibericùm  
 Prostrata, collectosque corvos  
 Pingue super Batavi cadaver ;

Cerno canoros, semivirum genus,  
 Natate fractis viribus Italos,  
 Nulloque Delphino juvante,  
 Funereos recitare cantus——

At non vel ipsis gaudeat hostibus  
 Has ominari musa tragœdias,  
 Quas ira præceps, Consulisque  
 Ambitio malesuada movit,

Nec longiori carmine te morer,  
 Mentemque curis utilioribus  
 Jennere, seducam,—valeto.—  
 Teque, tuosque, precor, labores

DEUS benigno numine prosperet ;  
 Et dum perennis gloria Laureæ  
 Insignit Heroas Britannos,  
 Civica te decoret Corona.

















































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